DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT

FOREST FIRE CONTINGENCY FUND

REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT

For the Year Ended March 31, 2005

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly

I have audited the Report to the Minister of Environment from the Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment for the Forest Fire Contingency Fund (Report) as required by subsection 8.6(1) of *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*. Management of the Fund is responsible for preparing this Report for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial information contained in this Report based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial information in the Report is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial information presentation.

In my opinion, the financial information in the Report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial activity of the Fund for the year ended March 31, 2005 prepared in accordance with subsection 8.6(1) of *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*.

Fred Wendel, CMA, CA
Provincial Auditor

Regina, Saskatchewan
July 6, 2005

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As at March 31, 2005 the Forest Fire Contingency Fund had no assets or liabilities and processed no financial transactions for the year then ended. On May 27, 2005, *The Prairie and Forest Fires Amendment Act, 2005* received assent of the legislature. This Act permanently wound up the Fund.

No formal financial statements have been prepared for the Fund for the year ended March 31, 2005. In accordance with subsection 8.6(1) of *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act, 1982*, I am pleased to submit to the Minister, this one page Annual Report for the Forest Fire Contingency Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily Stonehouse
Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment